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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Section 254(e) Self-Certification of
McDonough Telephone Cooperative

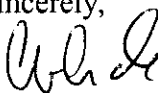
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached hereto is a sworn affidavit of Normal T. Walker, President of McDonough Telephone Cooperative (the "Cooperative"), certifying that the Cooperative is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254(e) and the requirements established by the Commission in *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (released May 23, 2001) ("Order") and codified at 47 C.F.R. §54.314. Because the Cooperative is not subject to the jurisdiction of a State, the Cooperative makes this certification directly to the FCC as provided for in paragraph 189 of the Order and 47 C.F.R. §54.314(b).

A copy of this Certification is also being filed this day with the Universal Service Administrative Cooperative at its Washington, D.C., offices.

Please acknowledge receipt on the duplicate "stamp and return" document attached for this purpose. All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Clifford C. Rohde
Counsel to McDonough Telephone Cooperative

Encl.

cc: Ms. Irene Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company

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COUNTY OF MCDONOUGH)

AFFIDAVIT

I, Norman T. Welker, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by and an officer of McDonough Telephone Cooperative and that I am authorized by McDonough Telephone Cooperative to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that McDonough Telephone Cooperative received federal universal service high-cost support.

3. I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

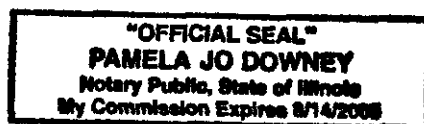
Further affiant sayeth not.

Norman T. Welker
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *22nd* day of *August*, 2002.

Pamela Jo Downey
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



"Our service . . . a reflection and a pledge"

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NATIONAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION
MEMBER